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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks – 50

Time – One and half hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.

Candidates are required to give their
answers in their own words.

1. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences :

1×4=4

(i) I met a little Cottage Girl : She was ____
years old.

(ii) She sways like a _____ in the wind of
our song.

(iii) Only in the garden of the _____ it was
still Winter.

(iv) Narayan Hemchandra had a rather ____
voice.

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(b) Write the antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences : $1 \times 3 = 3$

(i) Where the mind is without fear.

(ii) He was lightly built and short of stature.

(iii) I am a careless old man. I lose everything.

(c) Write the synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences : $1 \times 3 = 3$

(i) Though none should guide my feeble way.

(ii) Boundless his wealth as wish can claim.

(iii) Gaily, O gaily we glide and we sing.

2. Answer any *three* of the following : $2 \times 3 = 6$

(a) (i) What is the central theme of "Breathes there the man" ?

(ii) Who does the poet ask to stay just for one day in "Time, you Old Gypsy Man" ?

(iii) What does the phrase "Time, you Old Gypsy Man" suggest about time ?

(iv) What does Rabindranath Tagore value in an ideal society ?

(b) Answer any *three* of the following :

$$2 \times 3 = 6$$

- (i) What did the Giant do when he returned from visiting his friend, the Cornish Ogre ?
- (ii) What happens to Narayan Hemchandra's wife ?
- (iii) What is the topic of discussion between Mr. Wilson and Mr. Podgers ?
- (iv) What is Mr. Wilson's occupation ?

3. Answer the following :

$$9 \times 2 = 18$$

- (i) (a) How does the poem "Palanquin Bearers" address social inequality.

Or

- (b) Comment on the central idea of the poem "Breathes there the Man".

- (ii) (a) What is the central idea of "The Selfish Giant" ?

Or

- (b) How does the setting of Malgudi contribute to the overall narrative and themes in "The English Teacher" ?

4. (a) Punctuate the following using capital letter where necessary : 3

then the spring came and all over the country there were little blossoms and little birds only in the garden of the selfish giant it was still winter the only people who were pleased were the snow and the frost spring has forgotten this garden they cried so we will live here all the year round.

- (b) Transform the following sentences as directed :

$$1 \times 4 = 4$$

- (i) "What are you doing here ?" he cried in a very gruff voice. (Change the form of narrative)
- (ii) Then they invited the North Wind to stay with them. (Put the sentence into Passive)
- (iii) They found the Giant playing with the children in the most beautiful garden, they had ever seen. (Use the adjective in positive degree)

- (iv) No one denied that the Giant was selfish.
(Change it into an Affirmative sentence)

- (c) Replace the underlined words with their equivalent idiomatic expressions : (any *three*)

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

- (i) He was quite puzzled.
(ii) Do not listen to a tale bearer.
(iii) You must reduce your expenditure.
(iv) The dog tried to attack me.
(v) I was confined to the house by a bad cold.